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UK PM vows punishment to quell protests

REUTERS, London

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said violent protesters who had targeted Muslim communities would swiftly face the "full force of the law" as he sought to quell days of antiimmigration rioting.

The stabbing to death of three young girls in the northwest English town of Southport last week has been seized on by anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim groups, with disinformation spread online and amplified by high-profile far-right figures to spark disorder in towns and cities.

"Whatever the apparent motivation, this is not protest, it is pure violence and we will not tolerate attacks on mosques or our Muslim communities," Starmer said yesterday after an emergency meeting with police and prison chiefs.

Israel returns more than 80 Palestinian bodies to Gaza

Keeps up military pressure in the enclave

REUTERS, Cairo

Israel returned the bodies of more than 80 Palestinians killed in its military offensive in the Gaza Strip, as Israeli airstrikes killed at least 18 more people yesterday, the Palestinian Ministry of Health said.

Yamen Abu Suleiman, the director of the Palestinian Civil Emergency Service in Khan Younis in southern Gaza, said it was unclear whether the bodies had been dug up from cemeteries by the army during the ground offensive, or whether they were "detainees who had been tortured and

"The occupation provided us with no information about the names, or ages, or anything. This is a war crime, a crime against humanity," Abu Suleiman said.

The bodies will be screened and examined in an attempt to determine the causes of death and in an attempt to



identify them. They will later be buried in a mass grave at a cemetery near Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis.

The 84 bodies arrived in more than 15 bags, each containing several bodies, Abu Suleiman added. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military on the return of the bodies. In the past, Israel has said it returned bodies after checks they were not Israeli hostages.

Families Forum asked why Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would allow the handover of Palestinian bodies without a ceasefire deal with Hamas.

"Why are bodies being returned outside the framework of a comprehensive deal? Such an agreement could bring back living hostages for rehabilitation and the deceased for proper burial," they said in a statement.

In southeast Khan Younis, residents said Israeli aerial and tank shelling continued overnight, including in areas for which Israel had issued evacuation orders, saying Hamas members had been waging attacks from there.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Hostages manufacturing department in Hamas.

An Israeli air strike killed eight

Palestinians in a vehicle on the road near Khan Younis yesterday. The Israeli military said it had killed Abdel-Fattah Al-Zriei, whom it said was involved in the weapons

76 killed in attacks

fire to Jabir Hotel which is owned by Shahin Chakladar, general secretary of Jashore Awami League, Civil Surgeon Mahmudul Hasan said.

He said the bodies were identified and families had taken some of the bodies.

Harun-or-Rashid, an employee of Jashore General Hospital, said most of

the victims were students. Thousands of people were celebrating Hasina's departure across the town. At one point, some people set the hotel at Chittarmore on fire.

In Kushtia, at least eight people, including a child, were killed and over a hundred others were injured in clashes with police, reports UNB.

The incident occurred following an attack on the Kushtia Model Police Station and the Police Superintendent's Office. The police opened fire after being attacked, resulting in the casualties.

In Gazipur, six people were killed and 40 others injured as Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and protesters clashed in the Mulaid area of Sreepur.

Four of the deceased were identified as Sifatullah, 22, Sikhur Ahmed, 20, Kawsar, 28, and Jewel Mridha, 30, said Obaidul Islam. Obaidul was the manager of Al Hera Hospital in Mauna Chowrasta.

In Habiganj, six people were killed in police firing in Baniachang upazila and Kachua Police Station.

55 others were injured, said Shamima Akhter, upazila health and welfare

Locals said students marched from LR High School to Habiganj Police Station. As police stopped the procession, a clash broke out and police opened fire, leaving three dead on the spot.

The angry mob then set fire to the police station.

In Chandpur, Selim Khan, chairman of Lakshmipur Union Parishad, and his son Shanto Khan, an actor, were beaten to death.

As the news of Hasina's resignation spread, Selim and his son fled his village and went to Farakkabad Bazar of Balia Union. When people tried to stop them, they managed to flee by opening fire.

When they reached the nearby Bagarabazar area, an angry mob caught and killed them.

Chandpur Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Sheikh Mohsin Alam confirmed the matter.

Locals said Selim and his men used to run an illegal sand business in Char Hogla village under Shambhupura union of Narayanganj by encroaching upon a portion of the Meghna.

Two other victims in the district are Shahadat, 20, a student who was shot, and Harun-ar Rashid, a sub inspector of

In Satkhira, at least four, including two AL leaders, were killed in clashes between demonstrators and AL men in Ashashuni.

The AL leaders are Zakir Hossain, former chairman of Pratapnagar Union Parishad and the president of Pratapnagar Union AL, and Jahangir Hossain, a local AL leader.

The two others, Adami Ali and Anas Billah, were shot dead as Zakir Hossain opened fire when a mob attacked his

In Jhenaidah, Porahati Union Parishad Chairman Hiron and his driver Asad were beaten to death. The bodies were hung from a sculpture at Paira Chattar, said Mir Abidur Rahman, an assistant superintendent of police of Jhenidah.

Besides, two others, Manzur Hossain and Rabbi Hossain, were burned to death as miscreants set fire to a house of local AL leader Jewel Hossain, said Abu Azif, officer-in-charge of Kaliganj Police

At least three persons were killed in separate clashes in Chattogram.

A physician of the Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) emergency department said they died of gunshot wounds. The two deceased were identified as Jamal Uddin, 50, Nizam Uddin, 18.

"They were brought dead to hospital

In Khulna, Koyra upazila chairman and upazila AL president GM Mohsin Reza, his driver Alamgir, and bodyguard Yakub were beaten to death around 4:00pm.

Station said the protesters set fire to Mohsin's house and they were beaten to

Sadik Abdullah was not present at his home at that time.

The bodies were sent to a hospital, fire service.

Identities could not be known immediately.

In Patuakhali, a Jubo League activist named Monirul Islam Shaheen was

One person was killed in a clash in Titas area of Brahmanbaria, civil

between 6:00pm and 11:00pm," confirmed Kamruzzaman, additional ward master of the CMCH. He could not immediately say the identities of other deceased and the location of the

OC Mizanur Rahman of Koyra Police

In Barishal, fire fighters recovered

three burnt bodies from former mayor Serniabat Sadik Abdullah's residence on Kalibari road in the city yesterday

said Belal Uddin, assistant director of

beaten to death in the Baufal area.

surgeon office sources said.

UN, EU, US

made her continued rule untenable. applaud protestors and demand justice for those killed," Schumer, a Democrat, posted on social media platform X.

In India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) that briefed him on the situation unfolding in Bangladesh, reports the Hindustan Times.

Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, Finance Minister Nirmala Cabinet

Sitharaman, Secretary Rajiv Gauba, Principal Secretary to PM PK Mishra, Research and Analysis Wing chief Ravi Sinha and Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka were present.

briefed Jaishankar Modi, and Rahul Gandhi, the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha, on the emerging situation in Bangladesh.

Quoting diplomatic PTI report said Hasina landed at the Hindon airbase near Delhi in a C-130J military transport aircraft of the Bangladesh Air Force and met National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.

Hasina, who plans to head to London to seek asylum, has been moved to a safe location but she was unlikely to leave India last night, the report said.

She is likely to meet her daughter Saima Wazed, who is based in Delhi. Saima is working as the World Health Organisation's regional director for South-East Asia.

REACTIONS FROM RUSSIA, UN, EU

foreign The Russian ministry yesterday said Moscow operates on the premise that changes in the Bangladesh government constitute an "internal affair" of that country.

"However, we look forward to the internal political processes in that to the constitutional norms and prosecuted."

as soon as possible," said the Russian embassy in Dhaka quoting its foreign ministry, reports UNB.

United spokesman Farhan Haq yesterday said, "We continue to call for calm and restraint and to urge all parties to respect the right to peaceful assembly and expression."

The UN official urged the security forces to protect those out on the streets.

The European Union has called for an orderly and peaceful transition towards a democratically elected government in Bangladesh, in full respect of human rights and democratic principles.

In a statement after the resignation of Hasina, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Joseph Borrell yesterday called for calm and restraint.

He said the EU is closely monitoring the events unfolding in Bangladesh that witnessed over 300 deaths amid the anti-quota protests since early July.

"The EU is saddened by the tragic loss of life during the protests in recent days.'

Borrell said the EU takes note of the assurances given by General Waker-Uz-Zaman that the situation will be handled in a peaceful manner, and that all unlawful killings will be impartially investigated.

'Accountability human rights violations is crucial. Those who have been arbitrarily detained should be releimmediately," he said.

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer's spokesperson said they are deeply concerned by the recent violence in Bangladesh, which escalated in recent days, reports Reuters.

The very significant loss of life, including of students, children and law enforcement officers, is completely unacceptable, he said, adding that the right to peaceful protest must be protected and never subject to violence.

call on the "We authorities to release all peaceful protesters and ensure due process is friendly country returning followed for those charged

Will come up

of the Sheikh Hasina-led government. 'We, the protesters, have united

Earlier, seven coordinators of the movement, including Nahid and Asif, through a private television channel, said nothing will be accepted beyond the proposed interim national government, be tried and will not be given a chance to escape.

'No collaborators or supporters of fascists will be allowed in the national interim government," said Nahid.

He said they (the student leaders) want to bring change in the overall

Responding to a question, Asif Mahmud said they believed they had achieved victory the day the one-point demand was announced, adding that they will remain on the streets until all their demands are met.

years must be released, and all political

murders must get justice. The coordinators said they want to ensure fair and impartial elections for a

credited the success of the movement to

the ordinary people of Bangladesh. Nahid urged the students and people to ensure that no one takes advantage of

"State assets belong to the people, and they must be protected. No one should be able to loot."

Fakhrul FROM PAGE 12

Fakhrul also urged the BNP leaders and activists to stay alert so that no one can cause any harm to people

wounds. There were two exceptions; one person appeared to have been hacked, and another person presumably died from shotgun pellet

At least two of those killed were minors. One of them was identified as Shaon. The other could not be identified immediately. In most cases, people who brought

the bodies in told our correspondent that police shot them. Some said they brought in the bodies of onlookers who were shot. Azmot Miah, a fish trader, had locked his store in Jatrabari and was

him in the neck, said the people who brought him in. Journalist Abdur Noor, 27, who worked for Ajker Govenda Sangbad, was among those brought in dead from Jatrabari, his older brother

Ziaul Haque said. Bodies of people killed in Bangshal, North Badda, and Narayanganj's Kajla

were also taken to DMCH. The bodies were checked, booked, and carted away to the morgue and before the blood on the floor could be cleaned, another body would be brought in and placed on the same spot on the floor.

By the end of the day, the entire floor of the emergency ward was covered with red footprints.

Many relatives of those who lost their loved ones raged against the now-fallen government.

The DMCH was allowing families to take away the bodies without conducting an autopsy.

received treatment. policemen went to the DMCH and An officer at the police station, fired at the emergency department at requesting anonymity, said that the

Kamala Harris will name her running

mate as she prepares for a tour of US

battleground states aimed at turning

excitement over her presidential bid

into durable support that can power

through a handful of swing states, and

All paths to the White House run

AFP, Washington

her to victory.

12:47pm. Immediately afterwards, two station was burnt to the ground. bodies were taken to the emergency

Meanwhile, 21 people including a policeman were killed and over 100 injured in the capital's Uttara in the afternoon when men in plain clothes opened fire on protesters from Uttara East Police Station.

Thirteen bodies were taken to

eight others to Kuwait Bangladesh Friendship Govt Hospital, sources The Daily Star correspondent on the spot saw partially charred body of

of the station by a mob. inside during the clashes. A bullet hit stormed it around 8:00pm, and then

set it on fire. Witnesses said a clash ensued

then opened fire on the mob. They fired bullets, rubber bullets, and teargas indiscriminately, they

our correspondent observed. At one stage, several people broke the wall of the armoury at the police station and took away firearms and ammunition. Some were seen firing the looted firearms at the police station.

Around 4:00pm, mobs torched the Awami League headquarters on Bangabandhu Avenue, the district AL office in Tejgaon, and the political office of the Awami League president in Dhanmondi.

The Bangabandhu Memorial Museum on Dhanmondi-32 was vandalised and set on fire around 4:00pm. Many were seen taking away

Around 2:15pm, thousands of protesters were marching towards Shahbagh. As they passed TSC, some of them threw brick chunks at the police, leading to clashes. During that time, police fired rubber bullets and

Mobs also vandalised and torched Ekattor TV, Channel 24, and ATN Bangla in the afternoon, around the

equipment. Channel 24, ATN Bangla, ATN News went off the air. Bangla daily Amader Natun

late last night. Saleh Biplob, executive editor of the paper, said their office was vandalised. Thousands of people stormed the Dhanmondi home of former home

minister Asaduzzaman Khan around

Shomay office was attacked by a mob

3:30pm yesterday and vandalised it. In the afternoon, a mob also vandalised the residence of the Dhaka University vice chancellor.

was also attacked. The attackers were seen looting valuables.

there were reports of at least 200 fire incidents in the capital yesterday.

Harris set to name VP pick ahead of swing state tour Harris will kick off her five-day run by love of country, to fight for the best of who we are," she posted on X.

> Fresh from winning enough votes to secure delegate Democratic nomination. between two visions for our nation: one focused on the future and the other on the past... This campaign is

over the last two weeks Over the years, Hasina turned herself into an autocrat. What we are witnessing here today is the ultimate consequence of that," said Sohel Jahangir Alam, a development worker, who went there from Nakhalpara with his daughter, a

class VI student. As tens of thousands of people occupied the neatly manicured lawns, some got down into the pools and to take a bath, while others were catching fish. They collected woods and other things and set those on fire, as the crowd grew thicker by the

Many were seen taking anything and everything they could get hold of – chicken, duck, pigeon, cow, goat, live fish from the pond, jackfruit, coconut, TV, printer, monitor, air conditioner, fridge, chair, table, sofa, steel and wooden cabinets, fitness equipment, flower vase, doll, pillow, mattress, spoon, fork, plastic bucket, wall clock, fan, garments and even

One mother who came with her daughter simply uprooted some decorative plants as memorabilia.

"I want this plant to remind me and my children that I was a witness

garden and adorned her bun (khopa) with them. "This is a big victory. The government we had was not the government of the people. It was an unelected government; it had no accountability.... That government has fallen today. Maybe I will never be able to come here again. So I plucked the flowers and adorned my bun

Mahmudul Hasan is among those first to storm Gono Bhaban.

"When we entered through the main gate, some army personnel were standing there. They said 'you could enter the residence but do not vandalise anything," he told The Daily Star.

PRÓTESTERS STORM PMO, JS

Thousands of protesters carrying national flag also descended on the Prime Minister's Office around 3:00pm.

No personnel of the Armed Police

seen there. No police members were

in sight either. They were cheering, chanting slogans, and shouting as they described the PM's resignation as a

Sheikh Hasina" (who fled? Sheikh Hasina); Hoi Hoi Roi Roi, Sheikh Hasina geli koi, (Tell me, tell me, Sheikh Hasina, where have you

took away many valuables. Around the same time, another group of agitators, hundreds of

They broke through the barricade were there, but they did not prevent

Within minutes, the staircase in front of parliament was filled with thousands of protesters.

anyone from entering.

Some entered through the main entrance while others climbed through the boundary fence. Many went inside the chamber hall of the House where lawmakers deliberate, and they sat on the seats and took

They stood on the podium of the

House and cheered. In Kakrail, a group of people vandalised the official residence of Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan. They stormed the CJ's house around 4:45pm and took away many valuables, including cars and

Hasına

she took over power it was considered a failing state. It was a poor country. Until today it was considered one of the rising tigers of Asia. She's very disappointed."

accusations that the government had dealt with protesters in a heavy-handed manner, he denied it, saying: "You've had policemen beaten to death - 13 just yesterday. So, what do you expect the police to do when mobs are beating people to death?"

Nahid urged all to ensure that no one FROM PAGE 12 gets the opportunity to provoke religious tensions in the country after the ouster

against the fascist government. There is no grouping or division among us. We are against any kind of religious incitement, sabotage or division. We will prevent any such attempts.'

adding that fascists and murderers will

system of Bangladesh, in which fascism, authoritarianism or "another leader like Sheikh Hasina" can never emerge again.

About the demands, he said that on the first day the interim government takes office, all political leaders and activists imprisoned over the past 16

democratic government. Another coordinator Sarjis Alam

the current situation to vandalise or loot state establishments. Addressing the public, he said they must remain peacefully on the streets until the final announcement is made.

Tarique Rahman, I urge the country's people to remain calm," BNP media cell member Sayrul Kabir Khan told UNB quoting Fakhrul.

and their property.

66 dead as city convulsed with violence

department.

Uttara Crescent Hospital while

policeman AH Rony being taken out Our correspondent from the spot said hundreds of people surrounded the police station around 4:50pm,

after a mob threw brick chunks at an armoured personnel carrier (APC) near the police station around 4:45pm. Two men in plain clothes

The group then set fire to the APC,

the roof of the three-storey building A group of people also attacked At the hospital, over 350 people the Badda Police Station around 3:00pm. Police responded with Earlier in the day, a group of gunfire, teargas and stun grenades.

today in the largest -- Pennsylvania

showdown with Republican Donald

about people coming together, fueled

Trump on November 5.

as she builds momentum for her

"At this moment, we face a choice

The policemen were firing from

Mobs also attacked and torched the Jatrabari, Mohammadpur, and Adabar police stations.

valuables from the building.

teargas at the protesters.

same time Somoy TV was ransacked. The attackers also took away

residence superintendent of police of Dhaka

Fire service late last night said

country's first female, Black and South Asian vice president heads into the national convention in Chicago in two weeks in total control of her

Protesters storm

flower plants, with or without tubs.

to Sheikh Hasina's fall," the mother Tazrimin Mily, a software engineer, plucked some white flowers from the

with them in joy," said Mily, who was accompanied by her husband.

providing security of the office, were majority protesters.

The slogans include: "Ke Palaise?

gone?). Many went inside the office and

thousands of them, ran into the Jatiya Sangsad. put on different roads leading to the parliament building and marched towards it. No police officials were seen at the time. Some army officials

furniture, a source close to the chief justice told The Daily Star.

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Hundreds of people have died

Battalion, who are tasked with in the protests so far, with the vast